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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:)
Bergmann, F.) EXAMINER: Janet L. Epps-Ford
SERIAL NO.: 10/729,570) ART UNIT: 1633
FILED: Dec. 5, 2003) CONFIRMATION NO: 2111
FOR: MANNITOL AND GLUCITOL DERIVATIVES) Atty Docket No. 21545-US1

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on December 11, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed on February 27, 2009, having a shortened statutory period of reply set to expire on March 11, 2009, Applicants submit the following response. This response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR §1.114. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) required for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-0812. No other fee is believed to be due at this time, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to the deposit account indicated above.

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